

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 54-61 were pending as of the Office Action mailed February 20, 2009. Claims 1, 54, and 61 are in independent form. Claims 1, 54, and 61 are being amended. No claims are being cancelled. Claims 62-65 have been newly added. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found within the applicant's specification at least at page 1, lines 11-19 and page 3, lines 2-14. Support for the new claims can be found within the applicant's specification at least at page 7, line 7 through page 9, line 5.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

The applicant thanks Examiner Darno for the courtesy of the telephonic interview on March 20, 2009. The time spent with the applicant's representative Arrienne M. Lezak was greatly appreciated. During the interview, the applicant's representatives further explained the status messages and the error messages. Recommendations were made by the examiner for overcoming the prior art. These recommendation have been incorporated into the claims as noted above.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-14, 16, 17, and 54-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,980,817 ("Chow") in view of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 2003/0065738 ("Yang"), in further view of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 2004/0087300 ("Lewis").

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Chow, Yang, and Lewis, and in further view of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 2004/0058652 ("McGregor").

Claim 1

To expedite prosecution, and in accordance with the examiner's recommendations, claim 1 has been amended to recite provisioning events including activation of a service, deactivation of a service, suspension of a service, resumption of a service, modification of a service profile or service parameters, and gathering of status information associated with a service; and the

provisioning request message being an electronic message formatted to be interpreted by any external system.

The applicant respectfully submits that the teachings of Chow, Yang, Lewis, and McGregor, alone or in combination, do not teach or disclose the limitations recited in claim 1, as amended. Thus, the applicant further submits that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 54 and 61 recite features corresponding to those of claim 1 and stands rejected for the same reasons. Therefore, claims 54 and 61 are allowable for the same reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 2-17, 55-60, and 62-65, depend from independent claims 1 and 54 and are allowable for at least the reasons that apply to those independent claims.

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is therefore respectfully requested.

New Claims 62-65

New claims 62 and 64 recite status information describing the status of the provisioning system entity. New claim 63 and 65 recite error information describing the error that occurred. The applicant respectfully submits that the teachings of Chow, Yang, Lewis, and McGregor, alone or in combination, do not teach or disclose the limitations recited in claims 62-65. Thus, the applicant submits that claims 62-65 are allowable.

Additionally, new claims 62-65 depend from independent claims 1 and 54 and are allowable for at least the reasons that apply to that independent claim.

Conclusion

The applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed.

By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the examiner, the applicant does not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, the applicant's selecting some particular arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist. Finally, the applicant's decision to amend or cancel any claim should not be understood as implying that the applicant agrees with any positions taken by the examiner with respect to that claim or other claims.

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